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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

A radio talk by Mr. C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension Work, delivered through Station WRC and 37 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, Eastern Standard Time, January 4, 1930.

"New Year" calls to our minds all sorts of good times, good resolutions, and another thing that is very good for all of us, closing the books for the old year and opening a new set for the new year; setting down just what we have in stock with which we can begin the new year's business and with which we may put our resolutions into effect. The 1929 invoice for the 4-H club members ought to put them several notches ahead of last year.

First, we have grown as a national organization. Numbers mean a great deal when they relate to people who are working together to accomplish something. We can write down for 1929 a membership in round numbers of 700,000 boys and girls. Does it not mean a great deal to be one of 700,000 who are out "to make the best" of rural living "better?" Things are not going to stand still in rural communities with that many young folks in all parts of the country deliberately undertaking to try out the newest and best ways of doing all kinds of farming and homemaking jobs. And not only trying them, but talking about them, showing other people how these things were done, entering the results of their work in strong competition at the fairs, and just keeping up a persistent, enthusiastic din about it such as only young people can raise when they are really so in earnest they cannot keep quiet.

One good resolution which every 4-H club member should make is: "I'll try my level best to bring a new member into my club this year." In nearly every community there are boys and girls who will join in making the best better if they are invited and urged to enroll. While we have 700,000 now, we must have many more in 1930.

But numbers are not all we have to put down to our credit at the end of the year. There is a real satisfaction in the successful completion of a job. We are all proud of the fact that each year 4-H club members have been able to raise the percentage of their ranks who have completed the year's club work. We shall always have, of course, happenings over which the club member has no control that may prevent him or her from finishing the project which was begun. But we have done a great deal in the years that are past, and we are going to do more in 1930, I know, toward doing away with those failures to complete our work that come from any faults on our part as 4-H club members. I am sure 1930 is going to show an advance in our percentage of completions over the good record of 1929.

Another column of the 4-H club record for 1929 that contains some interesting additions is that which shows new buildings erected on fair grounds and exhibition and recreation places for the use of 4-H club members. Among those I recall, opened for use last year are Randolph County's new 4-H lodge at the West Virginia State camp, Jackson's Mill; California's 4 permanent camps; the new lodges and dining hall at the historic Jamestown, Virginia, and Penny Hall

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at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland, Oregon. I recall this one especially for I had the pleasure of being present and taking part, last November, in its dedication. It is a very attractive building, with an auditorium easily seating several hundred and is equipped with a well planned stage. There are also eight committee and office rooms. This Pacific International is quite a gathering place for 4-H club members of the western States. I am sure they will find this new Penny hall a useful addition to their equipment.

Down among the gains in 1929, also, we find an item which says more members are taking advantage of the opportunities open to them for interstate 4-H club meetings. Nowadays 4-H club members in New England may know what is new in club work in Louisiana or Texas or Arizona; club members in Washington State are well acquainted with 4-H plans and problems in Michigan, Maryland, or Maine because they have met and talked with club folks from these States at some of these Interstate gatherings. At our National 4-H Club Camp in Washington last summer, we even had a 4-H club boy from far-off Hawaii.

It is stimulating and inspiring isn't it boys and girls, to belong to such a far-reaching and yet so individual an organization, one in which each one may work at the thing most interesting to himself or herself and, at the same time, may feel that he or she is helping keep the community up to the minute and is taking a useful part in the progress of county, State<sup>and</sup>/country, I congratulate you on the story 1929 tells of your efforts and wish you most earnestly a happy and successful New Year.